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In the claims:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 the following is a complete listing of the claims of the present application:

- 1-8. (canceled)
- 9. (canceled)
- 10. (presently amended) A purified <u>and isolated</u> Human Mannan-binding protein (hMBP) having possessing anti-Influenza A virus activity as determined by the method comprising the steps of:
- (a) <u>preparing virus(es)-infected cells by</u> culturing cells in presence of <u>Influenza virus virus(es) to prepare virus(es) infected cells</u>,
- (b) presenting the virus(es)-infected cells in presence or absence of a calcium-dependent lectin-the hMBP,
- (c) comparing gross area of virus(es)-infected focus formed in the presence of a calcium-dependent lectin-the hMBP with that formed in the absence of a calcium-dependent lectin-the hMBP, and
- (d) evaluating from the comparison results in the step (c) an inhibition level by the calcium dependent lectin the hMBP on budding of Influenza virus in said infected cells,

wherein the calcium-dependent lectin the hMBP comprises an N terminal region containing cysteine, a collagen-like region, a neck region, and a carbohydrate recognition domain (CRD) and an N-terminal region carrying cysteine.